(b) whether it is a fact that mix of imports domestic production and prices of intermediates and raw materials based on which price was worked out by the BICP and escalations were allowed by the Ministry left crores of unintended benefits with the producers;

(c) whether the whole matter would be enquired into and those involved in giving faked price increase would be punished; and

(d) what was the import CIF price and domestic use of the major intermediates by leading two producers of each of these drugs from 1991-92 onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The prices notified on the basis of cost-cum-technical studies are valid for a period of three years. However, price revisions are allowed from time to time as an impact of changes in the prices of raw-materials/ input costs and other factors in accordance with the price adjustment formula contained in the study report so as the ensure availability of drugs in the market. The three years validity period of BICP reports in respct of bulk drugs Ethambutal, Rifampicin and Pyrazinamide has expired on 31.3.93, 31.3.94 and 31.12.1991 respectively. BICP has initiated fresh cost-cum-technical studies in respect of these drugs.

(d) This information is not monitored.

Reduction in bulk drug prices consequent on reduction in custom duty

4059. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drug prices of which have been reduced during 1994-95 consequent to reduction in custom duty in the budget;

(b) what were their earlier prices and what are their reduced prices and in how many cases lock in period for which the BICP price was valied was over;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers have not brought down the price of any non-scheduled bulk durgs although custom duty on intermediates required therefore was also reduced; and

(d) by when the pirces of these drugs would also be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTIZLIERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The details of reduction in the prices of price controlled bulk durgs consequent to reduction in customs duty in the Budget for the year 1994-95 are given in the statement (*See below*). Out of these 27 bulk drugs the validity period of BICP's studies for 24 bulk durgs has since expired. BICP has since completed cost-cum-technical studies in case of 4 bulk drugs and for the remaining 20 bulk drugs, the fresh cost-cum-technical studies have been initiated by the BICP.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available, some manufacturers have reduced the prices of bulk drugs/ formulations which are not under pirce control.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Earlier Price (Rs/ps)	Revised Price (Rs/ps)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Benzathine Penicillin G	Kg	2964.00	2877.00
2.	Betamethasone Alcohol	gm	160.17	153.83
3.	Betamethasone Valerate	gm	158.00	150.44
4.	Dexamethasone Pure	gm	153.00	138.00
5.	Dexamethasone Sodium Phos.	gm	171.00	157.00
6.	Dextropropoxyphene Hcl (Wockhardt.)	Kg	3730.00	3708.00
7.	Dichlorometaxylenol	Kg	275.00	265.00
8.	Dihydralazine Sulphate	Kg	575.00	570.00
9.	Framycetin Sulphate	Kg	13405.00	12326.00
10.	Furazolidone	Kg	460.00	440.00
11.	Gentamycin Sulphate	gm	12.88	12.83
12.	Hydrocortisone	Kg	31326.00	31059.00
13.	Hydrocortisone Acetate	Kg	28583.00	28316.00
14.	Hydrocortisone Hemi-Succinate	Kg	25463.00	25225.00
15.	Hydroxyethyl Theophylline	Kg	583.00	575.00
16.	Levamisole	Kg	2696.00	2677.00
17.	Oxytetracycline	Kg	1007.00	994.00
18.	Pred-nisolone	Kg	33352.00	33076.00
19.	Prednisolone Acetate	Kg	38185.00	37902.00
20.	Salbutamol Sulphate	gm	8.96	8.69
21.	Spiranolcatone	Kg	22606.00	21980.00
22.	Sulphamethoxazole	Kg	419.00	417.00
23.	Terbutaline Sulphate	Kg	32158.00	31258.00
24.	Diclofenac Sodium	Kg	4025.00	4021.00
25.	Clofazamine	Kg	7108.00	6809.00
26.	Ephedrine Hcl	Kg	1698.00	1664.00
27.	Parachloromethaxylenole	Kg	293.00	266.00

Formulation of Chlorapheniramine Maleate

4060. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3037 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in several cases BICP is adopting a different price than notified for Chlorapheniramin Maleate in formulation;

(b) what is the price of Chlorpheniramine Maleate that has been adopted in Core and Zeet and other leading formulation;

(c) whether it is a fact that formulation prices have not been reduced based on lower price of Ampicillin Sodium, Metronidazole, Furazolidone and Trimethoprim; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken to protect the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND